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RICH OREBODY IS UNCOVERED IN KEYSTONE

The Keystone has entered a big body of ore on the 300-foot level, the crosscut having already entered seven feet of high grade. The ore was encountered when the management concluded to crosscut into the hanging wall of the vein, near the station level, and found that what was supposed to be the wall was really the big vein of the mine. On the 100-foot level a shoot of ore six feet wide was exposed, which gave a general average of \$40 in gold and silver. This ore was extracted and milled by J. E. Spurr, who was then manager of the property. Mr. Spurr is now professor of mathematics of the University of Michigan. His son is employed in surveying the property.

The Keystone is one of the oldest properties in the county, having been worked since 1871, in which year it was located by "Keystone" Clark and others. The first ores taken from the property were rich in gold and silver, some of the handsomest specimens of wire gold, interwoven with wire silver, having been taken from above the 100 level. The general character of the ore then, as now, is ruby silver, the newly opened ore body being heavily impregnated with the handsome red mineral.

The Keystone was recently taken over by G. S. Holmes and associates and is being operated under the name of the Silver Keystone Mining company. The company is erecting a mill for the reduction of its ores, the plant being put in under a guarantee that it will make a high recovery.

OATMAN SCHOOL IS OVERCROWDED

The Oatman school is filled to the overflowing with pupils. It is expected that the new school building will be completed by January 1.

Two teachers are taking care of the 130 pupils, and this number is increasing daily. Another teacher has been engaged and will take up her duties, in a building which will be leased by the school board to relieve the congestion temporarily.

The erection of the new school building will be started as soon as the recently voted bonds are sold.

At Old Trails the school building is filled to capacity, but it is not overcrowded.

In the Oatman school it is an impossibility to care for all of the pupils at one time. Consequently, they have been divided and half attend in the morning and the others in the afternoon.

MAN DIES SUDDENLY OF HEART FAILURE

Charles B. Eaton succumbed to an attack of heart ailment yesterday at McConico. He had complained of feeling badly and his brother sent for Dr. Tilton at this place but before the physician arrived he died. The deceased was 66 years old. He had only been a resident of McConico for several months past.

Coroner Cohenour empaneled a jury, went to McConico and held an inquest. After the jurors had viewed the remains Undertaker Van Marter brought them into his parlors here.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that death was due to heart failure.

MONTANA MAN IS RUNNING KEYSTONE

Fred Kelly, formerly superintendent of the Bi-Metallic mine in Montana, which has a record of yielding \$33,000,000 in dividends is now in charge of the Keystone mine at Mineral Park. He is rated by mining men as one of the best in his profession. The work at the property now under his charge is proceeding rapidly.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY VICTOR COPPER

The stockholders of the Victor Copper company on Tuesday held a meeting at which the following officers were elected:

President, William Grant; vice president, C. W. Herndon; secretary, S. W. Klass; general manager, W. W. Lewis.

A complete survey of the property was recently completed and a topographical map will be made soon. The company proposes to open up the property by means of tunnels which will give "backs" of 800 to 1000 feet on the main vein. In the main tunnel an average of 3 1/2 per cent copper ore has been uncovered for a distance of 25 feet. Crosscutting either wall of the vein has not yet been undertaken.

Amended locations have been made on all of the 18 claims of the company preparatory to making application for patents.

It is the intention of the company to list its stock upon the New York curb. The Registrar and Transfer company of 120 Broadway, New York, has been appointed as transfer agents of the company. As required by the New York curb steel engraved stock certificates have been obtained by the company.

The property is located in the Wallapai mountains, 12 miles southeast of Kingman. Its offices are in Kingman.

AMALGAMATED IS DRIFTING TWO WAYS ON 300-FOOT LEVEL

[From Oatman Section Daily Miner.]

At the Oatman Amalgamated drifting continues east and west on the 300-foot level. Both drifts are in approximately 60 feet and good progress is being made. A difficulty being experienced that is unique in this district. Iron is so plentiful that it is difficult to drill to any depth in a down hole. After the drills have reached a depth of a few inches the iron concentrates settle in the bottom of a hole in such quantities that they form a cushion to the drill and it is practically impossible at times to drill more than a very short hole. When the hole "muds" properly the concentrates may be taken out with a "spoon" but if the hole has much water in it then the "spooning" is a failure.

In the east drift it is expected that the main vein will be reached at a distance of 200 feet from the shaft. In the west drift it is calculated that it will take approximately 300 feet of drifting to reach the vein.

DELIVERS LECTURE

J. E. Russell, a Prescott attorney, gave a lecture to the people of Kingman at the Elks' hall last evening on the Prohibition amendments. Mr. Russell is one of the foremost exponents of prohibition of the state and is an able talker. He instructed the voters on the "whys" and "wherefores" of the amendments in great detail.

BULLET MEANT FOR RAT GOES THROUGH WINDOW

Jack Kohnke made a complaint to the sheriff's office last night that some one had shot through the kitchen window of his residence during the early part of the evening. Upon investigation it was found that a small boy of the neighborhood was responsible. The bullet had been aimed at a rat.

FIRE FIGHTERS OF CAMP TO GIVE BENEFIT DANCE

The Oatman fire department will give a big dance on the evening of October 14. It is the purpose of the department members to raise funds to pay the debt recently contracted through the purchase of a fire bell. The fire ladders have given several enjoyable dances, but they declare that the one coming up will surpass all previous events.

SUNNYSIDE VOTES TO INCREASE CAPITAL

[From Oatman Section Daily Miner.] A special meeting of the stockholders of the Sunnyside Mining company was held yesterday in Kingman, being called for the purpose of voting on an increase of the capital stock and the transaction of other important business. P. M. Mullin, W. H. Flannigan and other large shareholders of the company were present.

The stockholders voted to increase the capitalization for the purpose of financing the company in a larger way, and also transacted other business in connection with the future operation of the property of the company.

The Sunnyside company is the owner of some of the most important property in the Oatman field and has been consistently developing its holdings. With a larger treasury the management will be enabled to continue the development to a successful conclusion. Messrs. Flannigan and Mullin have been factors in the development of the company's holdings and will probably continue in their present capacities.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MINE OPERATORS

The Northern Arizona Fair commission is making earnest requests for a mineral collection from Mohave county for exhibition at the fair to be held in Prescott, October 19. The county supervisors, as well as the mining people of this county, believe that specimens of ore will be of great interest to thousands of people who are interested in mining and the result will be great good to Mohave county.

All superintendents, managers, owners and possessors of samples and large specimens from their properties are requested to send them to Kingman not later than October 14, and to leave them at the Blue Line Transfer office, next door to the Arizona Central bank.

The exhibit will also be displayed at the state fair in Phoenix with additional collections, the week beginning November 13.

Let us all respond to this call and boost for our individual districts and county.

A. M. MacDUFFEE,
County Mineral Commissioner.

WORKER OF WOMAN'S PARTY MAKES SPEECH

[From Thursday's Daily Miner.] Rose Winslow of the National Woman's Party, spoke to a large audience at the corner of Front and Fourth street last evening. Her supposed theme was "Justice For The Woman Who Toils", but to her listeners it appeared that her topic should have been "Down With The Tyrant, Wilson."

Her whole time and attention was given to a tirade against the President and all of his actions. The principal crime of which she accused him was his failure to give the time consumed by consideration of such trivial matters as the European war, threatened railroad strike and the like to rushing a bill through congress for the national enfranchisement of women.

Miss Winslow passed the hat to offset the impression that she was in the hire of the Republican party, but if the fair lady is not she is overlooking some bets, as it would be a mighty poor politician who would not be willing to pay for the boosting for the Republicans she offered to her listeners last night. With all due respect to the lady's ability as a speaker, it would take a better spell-binder than she to make the wage earners of America believe that President Wilson is not their friend.

Retimbering of the old shaft of the Molly Gibson-Bullion Beck is under way. This old property, a former producer of considerable wealth, has lain idle for a number of years and people here are glad that it is about to take a new lease on life.

BIG LODE WORKING FORCE INCREASED

[From Oatman Section Daily Miner.]

The Oatman Big Lode Mining company has increased its working force and development work will be rushed with all possible speed until the 600-foot point in the shaft is reached. At the same time crosscutting to the vein on the 100-foot level will be carried on.

Like the majority of Oatman properties, the Big Lode was for a time short of funds and operations were reduced during the summer. The property now is well financed.

At present the shaft is down 100 feet and a crosscut is being run at that depth to the vein which is about 200 feet distant. At each succeeding 100-foot level a crosscut will be run to the vein, or veins, there being two of them. At a depth of 90 feet in the shaft a stringer was cut which assayed \$4 a ton.

HEARINGS HELD ON CORPORATION MATTERS

Corporation Commissioner F. A. Jones held a hearing at Oatman Wednesday on a petition of automobile drivers and owners for a regulation of the fares to be charged between Oatman and Kingman and Oatman and Needles, or rather Topock and the Colorado river. The impression gained was that a recommendation would be made to establish the present rate of fares between the various points, but that automobiles running from Kingman will be restrained from taking passengers through to the Colorado river, or to hire out by the day to take passengers to given points in the mining country surrounding Oatman. Truck drivers will not carry passengers on their trucks or enter into competition with regular passenger carrying machines.

At Kingman yesterday the matter of the Chloride Electric Light & Power company against the Desert Power & Water company was heard. The former company objects to the entry of the latter company into its field, its franchise from the county covering that particular town, while it is questionable whether or not the latter company has a franchise. The matter will be taken up by the commission later and a decision rendered.

The Arizona, California & Nevada Telephone & Telegraph company had made two applications for an increase in rates, based, supposedly on new equipment and a proposed better service. The company put up its case, there apparently being no opposition by the people. The first rate increase called for October 1 to January 1, and the other 30 days after adoption until January 1, 1917.

Regarding this service the Mohave Daily Miner desires to say that whenever the company can give an adequate service there will be no complaint regarding the putting into effect of rates similar to those of other parts of the state for like service. So far the service has not been commensurate with the rate charged; in fact, it has at all times been unsatisfactory. Should the rebuilt lines in Kingman be what is claimed for them the people are entitled to pay for the service they get. The Miner takes it that there will be no rebuilding of the long distance lines and, therefore, it also takes it that no readjustment of the tolls over these lines will be made.

MINING MACHINERY FOR IOWA REACHES KINGMAN

A 60-horsepower steam boiler has arrived in Kingman for the Iowa Mining company. It will be hauled from there to the Iowa mine by Lovin & Withers' teams in the next few days. In the shipment there is also a pump and other equipment for the property.

Sinking at the Iowa is being hampered by a large flow of water. After the arrival and installation of the pumping equipment sinking will be prosecuted with all possible speed. At present crosscutting is being carried on above the water level.

Hardware and furnishing stores have done a rushing business the past few days, due to the recent cool weather which made everyone think of Jack frost.

RICH FIND IS MADE IN TOFTE PROPERTY AT MINERAL PARK

Frank Tofte brought some rich ore into camp Wednesday from a strike made on his property at Mineral Park. The ore carries copper, silver and gold and will easily run \$500 per ton. The extent of the strike is yet to be determined.

The strike was made in a winze from a drift on the 60-foot level of the shaft. The ore exhibited is so rich in the red metal that when scratched with a knife it looks like pure metal. The strike was made on the "Dutch Joe" claim which is owned by Tofte, Andy Brown and Joe Strotaker.

MAKE INSPECTION VISIT TO ARIZONA BUTTE PROPERTIES

Tim Reardon and Hugh Campbell of Flagstaff, who are heavily interested in the Arizona Butte Mines company yesterday visited that property in company with J. E. Leeper and I. M. George. They were surprised with the great progress Manager H. M. Crowther has made in development work at the property and the manner in which the big mill is turning out concentrates. They brought back with them a large number of handsome chunks of ore from the Banner mine for exhibition at Prescott and Phoenix.

The big tunnel on the Prince George vein, which is destined to open the mines of Stockton Hill at depth, is now in about 170 feet and is being turned into the vein, in which ore is expected to be opened at any time. This tunnel is the one best bet of the Arizona Butte and Kingman people are vitally interested in its future.

NEW CORPORATION ENTERS DISTRICT

[From Oatman Section Daily Miner.]

The Amalgamated Extension Mining company is the latest corporation to enter in the Oatman-Goldroad district. The property of the new company is situated directly north of the Oatman Amalgamated and adjoins it. The surface indications are good and the management of the new company is making arrangements to do a large amount of development work.

The incorporators are all well known Oatman men. The officers are: J. H. Drake, president; James Curtin, vice-president; H. H. Burt, secretary-treasurer, who, with I. U. Parker, constitute the board of directors.

Officers of the new company state that steps are being taken to finance the property, and that work will be started as soon as machinery and equipment can be placed on it.

A station has been cut on the 160-foot level of the Schnehtady. It is the intention of the management to install the new compressor next week. A good grade of ore is exposed on both sides of the shaft and in the bottom. At the present time the company is working two shifts but as soon as the compressor is in operation another shift will be added.

J. E. Terral of the Chloride Electric Supply company says he has wired 250 houses in anticipation of the early arrival of the "juice." Mr. Terral estimates that there are yet 100 houses to be wired which means that when the Desert Power & Water company enters Chloride it will have 150 more customers than its first estimate covered. Chloride is growing faster than any camp in Mohave county.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO GIVE DANCE TO RAISE FUNDS

The first dance on the Central Labor union pavilion in its new location on Main street, next to the Oatman hotel, will be given on the evening of October 11. The dance will be given under the auspices of the Oatman Chamber of Commerce to raise funds for the payment of bills contracted for the Oatman fire department.

SECOND BOOM IN CAMP IS GROWING

[From Oatman Section Daily Miner.]

Oatman is again assuming the business appearance that was so evident a year ago. The business houses are rushed with orders for mining supplies and the necessities of life. Full working forces are employed in all stores and the outlook is bright. A constant string of teams and trucks are pouring into town heavily laden with supplies and equipment. New faces are again appearing in large numbers and a boom is on.

Most of the mines and developing properties are running with a full crew. Others are resuming and putting on larger working forces. At the Boundary Cone a new shift has been added and development is progressing with all possible speed. A large dump of milling ore is being added to each day, and the time is not far distant when the Boundary Cone will erect a mill. All surface improvements being made are of a permanent nature, and the management is very optimistic regarding the future.

Many other properties in the neighborhood of the Boundary Cone have recently increased their working forces and development is being pushed to the limit.

There is one noticeable difference between the present and the boom of a year ago. It is the presence of ample money to prosecute operations. A year ago there was dozens of operating properties whose management could not see further than 30 days ahead, so far as finances was concerned. This one thing did more to give the district a black eye with the outside investor than anything else. Many investors of small means put their money into properties which were not financed sufficiently and in such cases it was but a short time until such properties closed down. Of course, the investors in such properties were not total losers if they held their stocks until the resumption of operations, but many of them sold and called Oatman a "wild cat" mining town. Many operators learned that a shaft could not be sunk to a depth of 500 or 600 feet without ample funds. The investors learned to investigate the standing of the management before investing. In the past year the majority of these conditions have been remedied.

OPERATIONS RESUMED BY OATMAN UNITED

[From Oatman Section Daily Miner.]

Sinking was resumed at the Oatman United yesterday and the work will be pushed with all speed until a depth of 600 feet is reached. At present sinking will be done by hand steel, but it is expected that the 60 horse power compressor, now in Kingman, will arrive this week. With its installation work will go forward with machine drills.

The Oatman United has been closed down for some time during which time the property has been well financed and its development to the depth named is assured. Ben W. McCloskey, who is well and favorably known in this district as a miner of unusual ability, is in charge of the work.

Before the close-down the Oatman United installed all required machinery except a compressor.

The property is situated north and east of the Tom Reed, and adjoins that property.

Many other properties will resume operations this month, among them the Tom Reed Junior, under the management of C. H. James.

MOHAVE LUMBER CO. ERECTING WARE HOUSE

The Mohave Lumber company is here to stay. Work on a warehouse 22x152 feet has been started by Contractor O. C. Williams. The building will contain not only a lumber shed, but an office and warehouse. Earl C. Doty, the new manager, is one of the hustling members of the local business community, and under his able and energetic direction the company here will no doubt stand up among the leaders.